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## Russians Hear Rumor

Of a Battle in Progress with Heavy Losses on Both Sides

St. Petersburg, June 20.—The general staff believes it probable that Generals Kuroki and Oku are meditating a combined attack on Gen. Kuropatkin before he is further reinforced. In order to do this they must act before the rainy season which is imminent.

There is a rumor in St. Petersburg tonight that a battle at Haicheng is actually proceeding and that there have been heavy losses on both sides. There is, however, no confirmation of this rumor.

It has developed that the Japanese at Vafangow had an accurate topographical map of the whole battlefield, and that their batteries were connected by telephone.

General Kuropatkin has telegraphed to the emperor under date of June 18 as follows:

"General Stalkelberg reports that the enemy has not advanced beyond Vafangow.

"It is reported that three bodies of troops are extending their front between Vafangow and Tischen-jon.

"Under date of June 20 Vice Admiral Skrydloff sent the following message to the emperor:

"The cruiser division has returned to Vladivostok without losing any men or sustaining any damage."

## The Library Contest

The approaching end of the library contest is making the friends of the contestants very active. Contests of this nature nearly always give rise to friction and a certain amount of unpleasant feelings before they are over but we trust that this one will be an exception to the rule.

So far as the EXPRESS is concerned in this matter it has but one duty to perform—ie, to keep a correct account of the votes as they are sent in and to report them from week to week. When it has done this its entire duty is done. Merchants are responsible for carrying on the voting according to the rules. Attention is called to the fact that the rules require all votes to be cast at the time purchases are made. It is hoped that merchants will exercise the greatest care in safe-guarding their ballot boxes.

All disputed questions will be for the decision of the judges, to be appointed in such a manner as may be agreed upon at the close of the contest.

## New Bottling Works

Cheaney's new bottling works are now in operation. The plant is equipped with the latest and best machinery and the products turned out are second to none. We have sampled some of the delicious drinks that have been sent out and can speak from knowledge. They are of the finest quality made.

Mr. Cheaney has gone to great expense in equipping his plant in a way that will enable him to please his customers. He is a straightforward business man and those who deal with him are assured of the best treatment. We wish him success in his new venture.

Jimmy Jones, who lives west of town, says he thinks his wheat will average 24 bushels to the acre. He also reports fine prospects for corn.

H. B. Johnson will soon begin the erection of a big barn east of the oil mill. It will be 75x100 feet and will cost about \$4,000.

## Literary Indians

Among the more prominent Indian writers of the Cherokee nation are Dr. Emmet Starr, who is writing a book, "The Genealogy of the Thirteen Original Cherokee Families;" Mrs. Narcissa Owen, who is collecting the legends of the Indians, and Mrs. Josephine Hall, who is writing "The History of the Cherokee Nation."

Adam Lacy is the author of several books upon political subjects, and is recognized as an authority among the Indians. So also is Drift Hummingbird, who, as his name indicates, is of a poetic disposition. Wolf Coon is another of the prolific writers. He has written upon a large number of subjects. A prominent man in newspaper work among the Indians is Augustus E. Ivey, who is known also in the palefaced world. Ivey is a poet of no small reputation. Sequichie is another fine example of the Indian writer. He is probably a more prolific writer than any other living Indian. He has written many books on the subject of government. He has written criticisms upon the systems in vogue in the United States and his comments have met with federal approval. He has written the code of laws adopted and followed by the Cherokee nation. But he has not confined himself solely to serious topics. He is also a romancer and a poet.—K. C. Journal.

## Head-on Collision

On Frisco near Sapulpa—Two Persons Killed

Sherman, Tex., June 20.—Yesterday morning at 1:30 o'clock there was a head-on collision between north bound Frisco freight train No. 40 and a light engine bound south for Sherman at a point about two miles south of Sapulpa, I. T., and upon the trestle of what is known as Pole Cat bridge.

Information as to the causes are meager, but it is known that Conductor Fisher, acting as pilot on the light engine, and Fireman Wade on the engine of the freight train were both killed, and that Fireman Gills of the light engine is in a critical condition from scalds.

Fisher is a married man and resides at the corner of Throckmorton and College streets. Both Wade and Gills have layovers here.

Mrs. Fisher left today for Sapulpa and it is understood that the dead and injured will arrive some time tonight.

It is stated that other members of both crews were injured, but there is no definite information. The bridge was disabled and several Frisco trains have reached Sherman detouring via the Missouri, Kansas and Texas.

## Spelling Contest Notes

A. S. Gilkey has agreed to enter the spelling contest and is now in practice.

Tommy Dwyer is very anxious to enter the spelling contest and the president of the commercial club has agreed to let him spell.

Bad Smith says he won't spell unless they use the old U. S. speller.

Henry Johnson is very much vexed at Mrs. McClure because she ruled that he was not eligible to enter the spelling contest.

John Wells and Arch Bohart say they can spell any word in the blue back book.

The congregation of St. Luke's Episcopal church will have a picnic next Friday evening. The members of the congregation and their friends will meet at the church at 4:30 and go to the picnic grounds.

## Indian Territory Teachers.

Summer Normals Close—647 Teachers Were in Attendance.

Muskogee, I. T., June 20.—The summer normal schools in the Indian Territory closed Saturday and the superintendent and supervisors will proceed at once with the selection of teachers for the fall terms of school. While it is not obligatory it is expected that all teachers will attend some of the schools and a good showing made at one of these guarantees good standing with the appointive powers.

There were 647 teachers attending the normals held this summer. All of these will be given places in Indian Territory schools and on account of the new school system there will be many more teachers required. The enrollment showed a very large per cent. of the teachers to be from outside the territory. Out of the seventy teachers in the Creek nation sixty are from states and only forty-five claim Indian Territory as their legal residence. This is explained by the superintendent and the supervisors, who say that persons of sufficient education to teach school soon find more lucrative employment and quit teaching, while their places are supplied by teachers who come in from the overcrowded lists from the states.

Mrs. A. W. Fredericks left last night for the World's Fair. She will go from there to Davis City, Ia., to visit her old home and will be gone about two months.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Thomas arrived today from St. Louis. They will visit relatives a few days after which they will return their home in Bowie.



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